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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Y. FUKUDA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/634,769  
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For: PERFORMANCE INFORMATION MONITORING SYSTEM,  
METHOD AND PROGRAM  
Group: 2857  
Examiner: J. Suglo

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 19, 2006

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 25, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 25, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments